FASAB At Fifteen

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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The Year in Review

- Completed standards:
 - Inter-entity costing (FY2009)
 - Stewardship Land and Heritage Assets (FY2009)
 - Earmarked Funds (FY2006)
- Proposed standards:
 - Fiduciary Activities
- Invitation to Comment:
 - Technical Agenda

Current Requests for Comment

- Fiduciary Activities
- Technical Agenda Options
 - The Federal Entity
 - Leases
 - GAAP FASAB or FASB for Government Corporations and Legacy Entities
 - Accelerating the Conceptual Framework

Status of Major Projects

- Conceptual Framework
 - Objectives
 - Elements
- Social Insurance & Liabilities
- Natural Resources

Conceptual Framework

Reporting Objectives

- Completing a review of the FASAB's role and its environment.
- Reviewing each of the four existing objectives.

Elements

- Assets and liabilities
- Revenues and expenses
- Uncertainty and recognition criteria

Sustainability Reporting

Social Insurance

- A majority of the Board agree that an obligation exists prior to "due and payable"
- Measurement issues:
 - Assigning costs to periods
 - Treatment of changes in estimates

Natural Resources

- Recognizing oil and gas proved reserves at current value
- Results in information on:
 - Stocks
 - Values
 - Sales

Challenges

- ANALYSIS
- Providing enough guidance and flexibility
- Due Process
 - Competing for resources
 - Helping develop new standards "right" is not pat of being "green"
 - Communicating in a more complex world
- Educating external users of the CFR